

Does Gov. Blease employ an extra force to carry his messages to the senate and house?

No, contemporaries, it is not thought that the frequent and lengthy messages will increase the price of paper perceptibly nor affect the paper trust materially in view of the fact the session is for only forty days.

Atlanta would not be Atlanta unless she was trying to create notoriety. One the latest schemes by one of her merchants to attract customers to his store was to secure and place in one of his windows a bottle filled with common old maggots and advertise them as hook worms.

Gov. Wilson was the favorite in Washington last week when the National committee met to select the place for the next convention, and it was stated freely that had the convention been held then he would most certainly have received the nomination for president on the Democratic ticket.

What Shall We Do?

The perplexing question with the newspaper fraternity of the State is how to deal with public officials and public questions. The editors should be privileged to publish the official acts of public men, and to call attention to their mistakes and to point out errors, if any, as well as to commend their good deeds, without being branded "liars," "assassins," "thieves," and "slandermongers." Because a public officer dislikes one or two newspaper men is no reason why all newspaper men and editors should be classed "dirty," "untruthful," and "malicious." And yet these are the tactics which have been employed in this State in one or two notable instances. And the strange part of it is it seems to be popular with a large element of the people. It has come to the point where the winning card in politics is to abuse the newspapers.

The fellow who can use the most adjectives and inectives pouring out his venom and spleen against the newspapers is the one most loudly applauded and generously whooped up. The meanest things, the basest things, the dirtiest things that he can call them tickle the fancy and brings forth many a hurrah for the man who does it.

Why is it? Surely the newspaper men as a whole are not all such awful scoundrels, liars and hypocrites as some politicians picture them. They are citizens, taxpayers, and mix and mingle with their fellowmen the same as other men. If they were such a tough set their companionship should be shunned by all the people. They publish news about many a d various matters of public and private interests and their statements are not questioned. People are ever ready and eager to get the paper to know what the news of the world is and no complaint is made that the matter published day by day and week by week is a fabrication. But when a politician cries out that the dirty sheets are made up of a set of liars and slanderers many people will accept the statement as the literal truth.

Can the people believe that the newspapers, conspire together to magnify the virtues and praise the worthy deeds of one man, and at the same time compact themselves to criticize the shortcomings of another just for the sake of creating a disturbance or raising a howl among the people? Surely they do not.

There are such a set of misapprehensions as that. Among the newspapers in the State there is no such thing as a conspiracy. The newspapers would question and question were there any such thing as a conspiracy.

accept as true statements by newspaper men upon various and sundry other questions why not in political matters? A newspaper man is presumed to be posted upon every question of public interest. It is his business to keep informed and through his paper inform the people.

But how lamentable it is to think one man can say they are a set of dirty liars and his word will be taken as true and applauded in preference to that of many newspaper men. Truly these are strange times we have come to.

Presbyterian Campaign.

The Presbyterians of South Carolina are engaged in a campaign for the purpose of raising \$200,000 for their educational institutions, viz., the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, at Clinton; Chicora College at Greenville and the Theological Seminary of Columbia. A joint committee on endowment has been appointed to manage the campaign. This committee consists of nine, three representatives from each of the schools, the president being one of the three. The personnel of the committee is as follows: Rev. E. E. Gillespie of Yorkville, chairman; Rev. H. A. Knox, of Mayesville, recording secretary; Mr. John McSweeney, Timmons-ville, treasurer; Rev. B. P. Ried, Reidville, Mr. Wm. P. Anderson of Westminster, President D. M. Douglas of Clinton, President S. C. Byrd, of Chicora and President Thornton Whaling of the Seminary. The financial secretary of the committee is Rev. A. C. Bridgeman, who has headquarters in Columbia. The plan adopted to raise this amount is what is known as the short-term simultaneous campaign, that has been used so successfully by the Young Men's Christian Association all over this country. The campaign is conducted by Presbyteries. As there are seven Presbyteries of the Presbyterian church in South Carolina, there will be seven campaigns, one to be held in Enoree Presbytery. Enoree Presbytery comprises the Presbyterian churches of Greenville, Laurens, Spartanburg, Union and Cherokee (west of Broad river) counties. This Presbytery now has 58 churches with a total membership, according to last reports of 5,413. These churches will be asked to raise a sum of \$55,000 and each church will have a definite part of this amount apportioned to it, which it is expected to raise in a canvass to last eight days and to be conducted by picked men of the particular church.

Here's hoping that each church in Enoree Presbytery will do its part cheerfully, energetically, promptly enthusiastically and successfully.

For Sale.

I will sell to the highest bidder at Pickens, S. C. on Sales day in February 1912 immediately after public sales the following described lots: All that piece or parcel of land in the town of Central, S. C., consisting of four lots but all adjoining each other, bounded on the west by 5th street and on the south by third street and a branch on the north, the lot is 160 feet deep and lies near the Cotton Mill and convenient to Graded School. The four lots contains one acre.

Terms: One half cash, balance on credit to suit purchaser. These lots will go to the highest bidder as there will be no by-bidding.

W. L. Vickery.

Notice to Pensioners

I will be in the court house every day during January, 1912 for the purpose of making out applications for old soldiers and widows who are not getting pensions and wish to apply for same. All now drawing will continue to receive pensions without further application.

J. B. Newberry, Pension Com.

WANTED—Intelligent young men and women to take up Correspondent work and Mail-Order business. After you have completed our course you can take it up as a mail order business. A good energetic, hustling man or woman ought to make from \$12 to \$50 a week. Parsons' Bureau of Corresponding and Mail-Order Business, Williamsville, Ill. dec28-2t.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

Why The South Should Be The Real "Corn Belt."

The scientists tell us it takes a certain number of heat units to produce a corn crop. This means that corn does its best in a warm climate. Of course, a liberal amount of moisture and a rich soil, well filled with organic matter or humus, are also needed. In short, there are about four important factors which go to make up suitable conditions for the growing of maximum corn crops:

1. Warm weather, including a moderately high temperature both day and night.
2. A comparatively long season of warm weather, or a long growing period.
3. Abundant moisture maintained without too great variations. An excess of moisture and drouth are equally antagonistic to large corn yields.
4. A deep, loose, fertile soil, well filled with decaying organic matter or humus.

It will be seen that three of these four essentials of a corn country are naturally ours. The fourth alone is lacking, but by no means impossible of attainment. The experiences of recent years have opened the eyes of Southern farmers as to the possibilities of corn growing, and the rapid increase in our average production per acre is the result. A few years more of this work of the Boy's Corn Clubs, will, sure enough, put the South in the "Corn Belt."—The Progressive Farmer.

To Pave Sidewalks.

Nothing like agitation especially when questions of public improvements are at stake. The recent bad weather has demonstrated the necessity for better streets and sidewalks in Pickens and this condition has brought about a movement on the part of the City Council with the co-operation of property owners to pave the sidewalks along main street. It is proposed that the city bear one-third the expense and the property owners two-thirds. This begins to sound like business and is an indication that there are some here who are willing to "pull for Pickens." Keep pulling gentlemen and when you have succeeded with this undertaking begin on something else for the permanent improvement of the town. Beautify it, and make it as attractive and inviting as it is possible to do. This is one way to bring more people here and build up the town. Keep pushing and pulling for Pickens.

The Governor's Message.

The first general message by Gov. Blease to a South Carolina legislature was sent in and read in both houses the first day of the session. It was not an unusually long document, nor was it a very brilliant one. As a state paper it was disappointing, for many subjects of great importance to the people and taxpayers was not touched upon at all. It had the style of political argument rather than a lucid statement of affairs and conditions affecting the public welfare. It leaves the impression that the governor is using his executive functions to make a political speech. The first recommendation he makes is to abolish the office of bank examiner. To do so would not save to the taxpayers a single cent, for the salary and expenses of this officer is paid by the banks, and is a great protection to people who have stock or deposits in banks.

The bureau of Agriculture is also on the list to be abolished. He would destroy the office which looks more after the interest of the farmers of the State than any other to get rid of the officer. The office of State Geologist and Game Warden are likewise stated for the knife.

He charges extravagance in many of the state institutions which is doubtless true. His statement that "Our higher state institutions of learning are receiving entirely too much money" has many evidences to sustain it, especially when the amount expended for higher education is compared to the amount spent in the common schools.

He recommends a two cent fare on all railroads, and an electric chair in the penitentiary for the execution of the death penalty.

These are among the most important of the subjects covered by the message. The greater part, however, is taken up in statements and arguments of the economy of his administration.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

County of Abbeville.

In Probate Court

Complaint to sell lands to pay debts.

Leland A. Stephens, Administrator of the estate of W. G. Stephens, deceased.

Plaintiff,

against

Mrs. Mary E. Stephens, W. T. Stephens, W. M. Stephens, and Rodney O. Stephens.

Defendants.

Leland A. Stephens, Administrator of the estate of W. G. Stephens, deceased, plaintiff, against Mrs. Mary E. Stephens, et al.

Complaint to sell land to pay debts.

Pursuant to an order of the Probate Court, I will sell at public outcry at Pickens Court House on Salesday in February next, for the payment of debts, the following described real estate belonging to the estate of W. G. Stephens, deceased, situated in the said County and State, to wit: "All that tract or parcel of land lying and being situated, on South side by Airline R. R., adjoining lands owned by M. E. Smith, on the south by said W. G. Stephens, on the east by N. M. Madden and others, and on the north by Broad Street, this tract being a part of Armstrong lot also lot purchased by W. G. Stephens from Mary E. Smith and E. K. Watkins. Right is reserved to use 40 feet between mill house and shop for passing to and fro. Terms cash, purchaser to pay for papers.

J. F. MILLER,

Judge of Probate Abbeville Co.

Auditor's Notice

The time for taking returns will open January 1st and close February 30 1912 without penalty. The Auditor or his deputy will be at the following places to take returns.

Calhoun, Monday, Jan. 15 1912 (afternoon.)

Central, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 16th and 17th 1912.

Catawba, Thursday, Jan. 18th 1912 (forenoon.)

Norman, Thursday, Jan. 19th 1912 (afternoon.)

Liberty, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 19th and 20th 1912 (noon.)

Easley, Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 22nd and 23rd 1912.

Easley Cotton Mills, Wednesday, Jan. 24th 1912 (forenoon.)

Glenwood Cotton Mills, Wednesday, Jan. 24th 1912 (afternoon.)

M. W. Hester's Store, Thursday, Jan. 25th 1912 (forenoon.)

Looper's Gin, Thursday, Jan. 25th 1912 (afternoon.)

Darlington, Friday, Jan. 26th 1912 (forenoon.)

Peters Creek, Friday, Jan. 26th 1912 (afternoon.)

Pumpkintown, Saturday, Jan. 27 1912 (forenoon.)

Holly Springs, Saturday, Jan. 27 1912 (afternoon.)

Mill Creek, Tuesday, Jan. 30 1912 (afternoon.)

Six Mile, Wednesday, Jan. 31 1912 (forenoon.)

Praters, Wednesday, Jan. 31 1912 (afternoon.)

Eastatoe, Saturday, Feb. 3 1912

Returns will be taken in office during the whole time.

Respectfully,

N. A. CHRISTOPHER,

Auditor, Pickens County.

EYE TALK NO. 2

Brains and Pains

A great painter was once asked with what he mixed his colors. "With BRAINS," he replied.

Fitting Glasses

Requires both brains and pains. Perhaps you have already learned by experience. If so, you will appreciate the pains-taking conscientious service supplied at

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We can fit you in Shoes, Hats, Overcoats, Suits and in fact we still have most anything you are looking for. Bring us your peas, chickens, butter, eggs, etc.

Yours to SAVE you MONEY,

J. E. Parsons

J. R. Ashmore

EASLEY Bargain House

Having purchased two stocks of Merchandise at greatly reduced prices, we have decided to give to the people who trade in Easley bargains never before offered.

Beginning Thur. Jan. 18

we will sell all:

50c Shirts for.....	39c
\$1.00 Shirts for.....	79c
10c Hosiery.....	7c
25c Hosiery.....	17c
\$1.00 Overalls.....	79c
Men's and Boys' 15c Collars.....	7c
One lot Boys' Clothing and work Pants at your own price.	
50c and 75c Gloves.....	39c

Hats for Everybody

\$1.00 Hats.....	69c
\$1.50 Hats.....	98c
\$2.00 Hats.....	\$1.19

Dry Goods

7c Calicoes.....	4 1-2
Dress Gingham 10-12 1-2.....	7c
8c Gingham.....	5 1-2c
Percales, 10-12 1-2.....	7c
Oiling, 10-12 1-2c to go at.....	7c
10 and 12 1-2c Flannel.....	7c
50c Dress Goods.....	30c
75c Dress Goods.....	19c
One lot Dress Lining, all colors, to go at.....	3c
We have a few Sweaters, and if the size fits you, take it along.	

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes

I have more shoes than I can ever wear out. If my price will not sell them, your price will buy them. All sizes and styles. Watch the Bargain Counter Specials every day. A complete line of Staple and Fancy Groceries at all times.

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Our stock of goods is always complete and Prices Right.

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We have one of the best lines of Hardware to select from to be found anywhere. Hames, Collars, Collar Pads, Back Bands, Traces, Harness, Brides, Plows, Plow Stocks, (single and double stocks.) DON'T FAIL to see us about one of our One and Two Horse Perfection Stocks. There is no stock to equal it. Try one.

TURN PLOWS.

One and Two Horse, the best that money can buy. Ask any owner.

Sewing Machines, Cooking Stoves, Ranges, Mill Supplies, Builders' Supplies, Lubricating Oils, Roofing (both Galvanized and Rubber.) The best Rubber Roofing on the market for \$1.45 per square.

DON'T FORGET YOUR COUPONS!—For \$1.00 worth of coupons may get this beautiful \$27.50 Range Free.

Remember the Place.

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T. R. ALLEN, Manager.

TO MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS OF PICKENS:

I HAVE decided to close out my entire stock of goods at this place, and until Feb. 1, will sell

ANY SUIT AT ACTUAL COST

My object in doing this is to have more room for Shoes and Dry Goods. I will carry at all times a complete line of Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats and Notions.

Beginning February 1, I expect to put in the most complete line of Groceries ever carried in Pickens. Anything you want to eat will be found here at lower prices than you have been paying elsewhere.

Bring us all your produce, chickens, eggs, butter, corn, peas, oats, fodder, or anything you have to sell, and I will always pay highest prices.

If you need a Feather Bed, we have a few left, at reduced prices.

W. D. Spearman